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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of) Examiner: Kevin R. Kruer
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for: BIOCOPATIBLE ARTICLE) Group Art Unit: 1773
Serial No: 09/521,086) Confirmation No.: 9173
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 9, 2004, having a period for response set to expire on April 9, 2004, Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time, so that the term will expire on October 9, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the present response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of the present response.

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